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TOPIC Military Information from Eberswalde

DATE OF CONTENT 6 to 8 December 1950

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DATE PREPARED 23 January 1951

1. Between 6 and 8 December 1950, the Artillerie Kaserne on Freien-
waldorstrasse, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), was occupied by approxi-
mately 2,000 troops or about half of its capacity. On 6 December
a military band was playing in the barracks yard, with 150 to 200
soldiers assembled in small groups. [   ] a detachment   25X1
of two officers and 29 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and
carrying submachine guns left the billeting area through the eastern
gate, marching to the drill field 1 km north of the installation.
Another detachment of one officer and 16 EM, who wore red-bordered
black epaulets and carried rifles and practice targets, left for the
drill field through the western gate.

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3. On 7 December, a T-34 tank left a garage in the Schuetzen Kaserne on
Bernauer Heerstrasse and moved to a lock smith shop on Tramperchaussee.
No tanks had been seen in the installation for four weeks. Basic drill
of about 70 EM, obviously recruits, was observed on the drill field.
About 80 EM, some of them carrying copybooks, left the mess building.
Martial music was heard from that section of the drill field which was
blocked to view. Three units totaling four officers and 80 to 90 EM   25X1
with red-bordered black epaulets marched to the rifle range, carrying
submachine guns, carbines, and practice targets.

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5. The Eisenspalterei depot contained 12 one-story brick buildings varying in length from 10 to 20 meters. It included a shoemaker and a tailor shop and allegedly supplied PXs and commissaries in and near Eberswalde. Most of the depot personnel were Germans. Four Soviet officers and four Soviet civilians who were observed there were apparently assigned to the depot.

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Since late October 1950 the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by only about 2,500 troops, whereas the installation was occupied to capacity by 2,500 troops in January and February 1950. It is believed that in December 1950 the billets of the Artillerie Kaserne were still occupied by 2,500 troops.

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(3) the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied to capacity by 5,000 troops.

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(5) According to another report, the Eisenspalterei also houses the Commercial Section of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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